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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY: CONVERSATION WITH PRIME

MINISTER'S SECRETARY AND FOREIGN SECRETARY: EASTERN
WATERS.

1. DURING THE COURSE OF TALKS BETWEEN THE DEPUTY SECRETARY AND FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARY, V. SHANKAR (REPORTED SEPTTEL), THE FOREIGN SECRETARY MADE COMMENTS ON THE EASTERN WATERS SITUATION WHICH MAY BE RELEVANT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION OF THIS SUBJECT. MEHTA DESCRIBED THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE FARRAKA NEGOTIATIONS, NOTING HE WOULD RESUME THEM IN DACCA ON JULY 28. HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF A LONG TERM SOLUTION, SAYING THAT THE NATIONS OF THE AREA CANNOT DEVELOP WITHOUT MAKING OPTIMUM USE OF THE WATERS. HAVING MADE MAJOR CONCESSIONS IN THE "CRUCIAL POINT OF ALLOCATION" FOR SHORT TERM, INDIA HAD THE TASK OF TYING UP THE LONG TERM PACKAGE. IN REGARD TO NEPAL THE GREATEST PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO MEHTA, WAS ARRESTING THE SILTATION COMING TO INDIA BY STOPPING DEFORESTATION. ALSO THE GREAT POTENTIAL OF THE NEPALESE RIVERS MUST BE HARNESSSED. SUCH A DEVELOPMENT, SAID MEHTA, WOULD BE OF COLOSSAL POTENTIAL BUT WOULD BE WELL
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BEYOND THE RESOURCES OF INDIA AND NEPAL. MEHTA CONCLUDED THIS PORTION OF THE CONVERSATION SAYING THAT IN HIS VIEW THE WORLD COMMUNITY SHOULD CONSIDER THIS A GOOD INVESTMENT FROM ANY VIEWPOINT.

2. COMMENT: THIS WAS ONLY A BRIEF INTERVENTION DURING THE LONG CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS AND CERTAINLY

DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDIAN INITIATIVE. BUT IT INDICATES
INTEREST IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN WORKING OUT VARIOUS WATERS
PROBLEMS (FRESH IN MEHTA'S MIND BECAUSE OF HIS JUST COMPLETED TRIP
TO NEPAL AND HIS FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS ON FARRAKA)
AND INDIAN RECEPTIVITY TO OFFERS OF INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO
ACHIEVE THE "COLOSSAL POTENTIAL" OF THE EASTERN WATERS.
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